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MISCONDUCT CHARGES**Dodd—Klein Link Puzzles Probers**

(Last of three articles.)

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The Senate Ethics Committee remains puzzled over the reasons for the unique, friendly link between Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.) and public relations man Julius Klein of Chicago. This link allowed Mr. Klein to make demands of the Senator and to "castigate" him.

Mr. Klein deluged Sen. Dodd with letters, telegrams and phone calls — as documents stolen from Sen. Dodd's office by at least three of his former employees showed.

Mr. Klein sought to have Sen. Dodd say nice things about him, to get him an appointment on the Battle Monuments Commission and to have laudatory matter about him printed in Congressional Record.

Altho a Republican and not one of Sen. Dodd's constituents, Mr. Klein contributed to Dodd's campaign funds, gave Mrs. Dodd perfume and in a Christmas card sent a small table mat in the form of an Oriental rug.

FOREIGN AGENT

Mr. Klein, a registered foreign agent with German clients, complained that hearings before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on operations of the Foreign Agents Registration Act damaged him, causing him to lose clients and fees of about \$100,000.

He was angry at Sen. Dodd for not taking part in the hearings even tho the Senator was a member of the committee. And Klein was sore at a letter Dodd wrote to the Committee about him.

On Nov. 29, 1963, Mr. Klein wrote Sen. Dodd:

"Now there is one thing I object to in your letter to Sen. Fulbright (chairman of Foreign Relations) and that is your last line: 'I think it appropriate that my reply to you be made a part of the official record, and I hereby request that this be done.'"

"You did not even add a few remarks about our personal relationship so that there would be no rejection of me. Please read on the same page what Mayor Robert F. Wagner (of New York), whom I hardly know, had to say about me.

"That would have been the proper attitude for you to take. No one knows more about the foreign agents registration issue than you. No one knows better than you my activities in Washington. I asked you to be present at the executive session (of the committee). You promised me the night before that you would attend — but you were not there. I wired you to be present at the public hearings — but you were not there, either.

"What are you afraid of?

"Do you consider friendship a one-way street? All I can say is I am ashamed of you. I could have answered you publicly, as you are the only one of my friends on the Foreign Relations Committee or anyone else in the Senate who remained silent when I asked them to act. With this, Tom, I close the chapter for good. Sincerely, Julius."

PUZZLING

This letter puzzled Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.), who authored the law that created the Ethics Committee. He read parts of it to Sen. Dodd, and then asked:

"Did you ever tell him to take his business and go some place else?"

"Had you felt that way about him?"

Sen. Dodd replied: "He (Klein) is a pretty aggressive individual, really ... But I like him."

ANOTHER LETTER

So, Sen. Dodd wrote another letter to Sen. Fulbright praising Mr. Klein, but it was too late to be included in the printed version of the foreign agents hearings.

Subsequently Sen. Dodd said: "I never had any business dealings with him (Klein), of any kind."

Another Ethics Committee man, Sen. James Pearson (R., Kans.), asked if he had understood Sen. Dodd to say his relationship with Mr. Klein was not "close."

"It wasn't intimate," Sen. Dodd replied. "I liked him. I found him an interesting fellow to listen to ... He seemed to know a good deal of what was going on in Germany ... a generally interesting person as I think you will find him to be when you hear him, but it wasn't a close family tie-up or anything like that."

Mr. Klein, 63, apparently made a habit of corresponding with big names. He is a retired major general of the Illinois National Guard.

Sen. Dodd described Mr. Klein to the Ethics Committee as a "close friend of the late Sen. Robert Taft," adding, "I believe he was with him when he died." He also said Mr. Klein was a "close friend of Gen. Douglas MacArthur and of ex-President Herbert Hoover." Added Dodd:

Mr. Klein, in a recent interview at Bonn, Germany, said he never "pressured" Sen. Dodd. "Nobody can pressure Sen. Dodd, not even a close friend like me," Mr. Klein said.